

# Otsego County Road Commission

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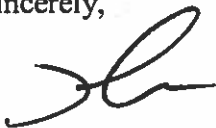
Dakota Soda, Clerk  
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Dakota:

Enclosed is Resolution R18-10 opposing Senate Bill 396, passed by the Otsego County Road Commission on Thursday, October 18, 2018, at our regularly scheduled board meeting.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss our opposition, please feel free to contact me at the above address, number, or if you prefer, email at [melanconj@ocrc-mi.org](mailto:melanconj@ocrc-mi.org).

Sincerely,



Jason Melancon  
Manager  
Otsego County Road Commission

Enclosures

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<b>OTSEGO COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION</b>	<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>				
<b>TITLE:</b> Senate Bill 396 Opposition	<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER:</b> R18-10	<b>SUPERCEDE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> 10/18/2018	<b>SUPERCEDE</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>

**Otsego County Road Commission  
Senate Bill 396 Opposition**

**WHEREAS,** Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Otsego County and the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

**WHEREAS,** It is a fact in Otsego County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and

**WHEREAS,** SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

**WHEREAS,** the provisions from SB 396 will result in damage to the public road system; and

**WHEREAS,** the provisions of SB 396 will negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

**WHEREAS,** the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Otsego County residents and the traveling public; and

**WHEREAS,** the Otsego County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the State of Michigan work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the State of Michigan moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and traveling public;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Otsego County Road Commission hereby strongly opposes SB 396; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board.

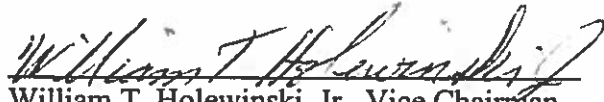
**THEREFORE**, a Motion was made by Commissioner Huff and seconded by Commissioner Holewinski to approve Resolution No.: R18-10 Otsego County Road Commission Senate Bill 396 Opposition. Roll call vote: Huff, yes; Holewinski, yes; Matelski, yes. Three ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Otsego County Road Commission Board, hereby adopts Resolution No.: R18-10 on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, at its Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting duly held at the Road Commission office.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**



David C. Matelski, Chairman  
Otsego County Road Commission



William T. Holewinski, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Otsego County Road Commission



Troy W. Huff, Member  
Otsego County Road Commission

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 by the Otsego County Road Commission Board.**

I, Rebecca Jerry, Board Secretary, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of R18-10 Otsego County Road Commission Senate Bill 396 Opposition, of which was adopted at the October 18, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Otsego.



Rebecca Jerry, Board Secretary